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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Christopher R. Magee		2627	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-9, 15 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/13/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- Claims 1-3 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (Korean Patent Application 10 20000025857).

- Regarding claim 1, Lee teaches a disc drive comprising:

- a tray 120 for holding a disc D;

- a lower case [not numbered but shown on page 20-17] on which the tray 120 is installed to be slid;

- a loading motor 130 for providing a driving force that slides the tray; and

- a spindle motor [not numbered; inherent property of disc drive] having a turntable 122 and being installed on the tray 120,

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wherein the disc is secured to the turntable for being rotated by the spindle motor that is installed on the tray [Figure 4 on page 20-9],

and wherein the lower case comprises:

a first region in which the tray is slid and a second region 100, extended sideways from the first region.

Regarding claim 2, Lee shows a fixing unit 123 disposed by the turntable 122 for securely holding the disc to the turntable [Figure 12 on page 20-13].

Regarding claim 3, Lee shows the fixing unit 123 securely holds the disc to the turntable at a perimeter of a clamping hole of the disk 1 [Figure 13 on page 20-14].

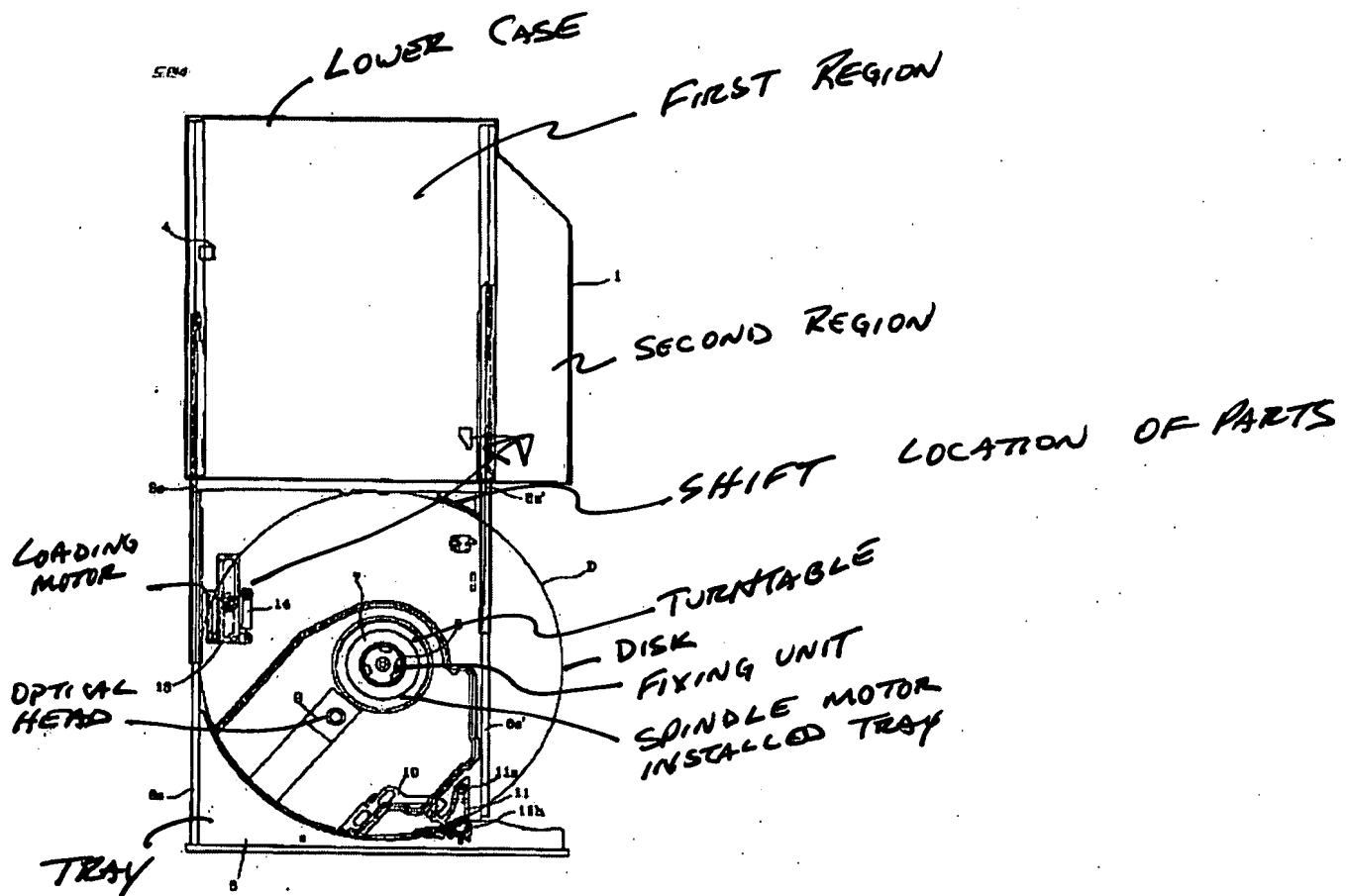
Regarding claim 7, Lee shows an optical pickup 124 installed on the tray, the optical pickup moving in a radial direction of the optical disc to write and/or reproduce information on the optical disc [Figure 16 on page 20-17].

Regarding claims 8 and 9, Lee shows the disc drive is a slim vertical optical disc drive and is a half-height type disc drive [Figure 2 on page 20-8 and Figure 5 on page 20-10].

Referring to claim 1, Lee does not teach the loading motor 130 disposed in the second region. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to shift the location of the loading motor to the second region area.

The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to shift the location of the loading motor to the second region area because it is mere shift location of parts. Moving the loading motor to the second region will not hamper or modify the overall operation of the disc drive. *In re Japikse*, 86 USPQ 70 (CCPA 1950).

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3. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (Korean Patent Application 10 20000025857) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Konno et al (hereinafter Konno) (US 6,907,611 B2).

- Regarding claims 4 and 5, Lee shows all the features, *supra*, but does not show the fixing unit comprised of a plurality of hooks that elastically engage with a perimeter of a clamping hole of the disc and are disposed around a shaft of the spindle motor and above the turntable.

Konno teaches a clamp mechanism 30 that comprises of turntable 12, a rotation motor 32, a movable member 34, a spring 35 and a plurality of chuck claws 36 (i.e., hooks) functioning as

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holding members. The chucking claws 36 are disposed around a shaft of the spindle motor and above the turntable[Figures 2 and 3; col. 5, lines 40-45; col. 5, lines 55-57].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the fixing device of Lee with the chucking claws of Konno.

The rationale is as follows: One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated to provide the fixing device of Lee with the chucking claws of Konno in order to offer clamping and unclamping operations for sustaining a recording medium on a turntable, independently of which attitude the recording medium takes [Konno; col. 2, lines 50-57].

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 4/13/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., "the cross sectional view of FIG. 5 of the Present Application shows the wide second region 113 holding the loading motor 170 without being stepped upwardly") are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification

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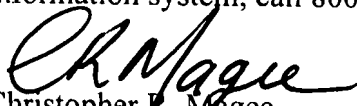
are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Magee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7592. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8: 00 am-4: 30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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